



FINANCIAL AID GUIDELINES & APPLICATION FOR HPHS BAND TOURS AND TRAVEL

The HPHS band program is committed to fostering the growth of our students as musicians and as people, achieving the highest standard of performance excellence, and supporting the spirit and tradition of our school and community. In support of this mission, HPHS Bandstand, a volunteer organization of band boosters, raises funds to support hospitality needs of the bands and financial needs of band members, assuring everyone equal opportunity to participate fully in band activities. Through this application process, financial aid may be offered to help defray the cost of band travel and tours outside the Chicago metro area. For financial aid to defray the cost of private instrument lessons and/or local band activities, please discuss this need directly and privately with the Band Director.

ELIGIBILITY

A band student is eligible for Bandstand financial assistance if:

- The student has qualified for the District 113 free or reduced-cost lunch program, other fee waivers by the district, or the College Bound Opportunities or Schuler Scholar programs; OR
- The student has family and/or extenuating circumstance(s) at the time of application.

GUIDELINES

- **Financial aid is provided solely at the discretion of the HPHS Bandstand Financial Aid Committee (FAC).** The HPHS Band Director does not make financial aid decisions.
- **Deadlines for financial aid applications will be announced for specific travel and tours.** Exceptions to deadlines may be allowed at discretion of the FAC only for circumstances that prevent timely submission by the applicant.
- Applications must be submitted by students and their families to the HPHS Band Director. The Band Director shares these applications – without disclosing student/family identity – with the FAC for review and decision on all travel/tour financial aid requests. Please be sure you **DO NOT include your name or other information that identifies the student or family anywhere on the application except where specifically requested** (this portion of the application will not be shared with the FAC).
- Financial assistance from Bandstand is limited to a maximum total budget each year. For this reason, we ask that only those who will otherwise be restricted in their participation apply for financial aid. The student and parent(s)/guardian(s) are expected to provide a reasonable evaluation of amounts they can **pay** themselves, **raise** from Bandstand and personal fundraising activities, and **need** in financial aid to make up the difference.
- **Students seeking financial aid are expected to have demonstrated a significant commitment to Band programs.**
- **Students and parent(s)/guardian(s) seeking financial aid are expected to participate actively in Bandstand volunteer and fundraising activities**, such as Band car washes, Jazz Night, football game concession stand, etc.
- If you wish to learn more about Bandstand and band activities, you are encouraged to **attend Bandstand meetings, subscribe to Bandstand's email lists, follow the Bandstand Facebook page, and visit www.HPHSBand.org.**

IF YOU BELIEVE YOU MEET THE ABOVE CRITERIA FOR ELGIBILITY AND WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINANCIAL AID, PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPLICATION ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES

HPHS BANDS FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

To be completed by Band Director only:

DATE APPLICATION SUBMITTED ____ / ____ / ____

APPLICATION ID ____

To be completed (one application per family) by Student(s) and Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Student #1 Name (Last, First) _____

Student #2 Name (Last, First) _____

Student #3 Name (Last, First) _____

Student #4 Name (Last, First) _____

Parent/Guardian #1

Name _____

Preferred Phone _____

Email _____

Parent/Guardian #2

Name _____

Preferred Phone _____

Email _____

DO NOT INCLUDE NAMES OR ANY OTHER IDENTIFYING INFORMATION BEYOND THIS SECTION.

To be completed by Band Director only:

DATE APPLICATION SUBMITTED ____ / ____ / ____

APPLICATION ID ____

For the Band Director – without mentioning the student(s)' name(s) or gender(s), please provide a brief testimony to the student(s)' commitment to the HPHS Band program, including not only curricular participation, but also co-curricular participation and participation in fundraising and volunteer activities:

HPHS BANDS FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION *continued...*

To be completed by Student(s) and Parent(s)/Guardian(s) (*please note, only one application needs to be completed per family even if financial aid is sought for more than one student in the same family*):

For which band tour or trip are you seeking financial aid? _____

How many children does your family have that plan to go on the band tour/trip? 1 2 3 4 or more

A. What is the **total cost** of the tour/trip? \$ _____

B. How much of this cost can you and your family afford to **pay**? \$ _____

C. How much of this cost can you and your family **raise** through band fundraisers, personal fundraisers, etc.? \$ _____

D. How much of this cost do you **need** in financial aid from Bandstand (subtract the amounts shown above for B and C from A)? \$ _____

- Is the student(s) receiving free or reduced-price lunch at school? YES NO
- Is the student(s) receiving any other fee waivers from the school district? YES NO If so, what: _____
- Is the student(s) participating in College Bound Opportunities? YES NO
- Is the student(s) participating in the Schuler Scholar program? YES NO

If you answered NO to all of the above, please describe the circumstances causing the need for financial aid – DO NOT mention the student(s)' name(s) (*please note, this application is reviewed by the HPHS Bandstand Financial Aid Committee, whose members do not have access to your identifying information at the beginning of this application. Only the Band Director will know the student's name, and all information will be kept in strictest confidence by both the Band Director and the Committee.*):

Which HPHS Band fundraising or other volunteer activities during the current and past school years has the:

Student(s) participated in? _____

Parent(s)/guardian(s) participated in? _____

HPHS BANDS FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION *continued...*

For the student(s) – please briefly describe how participation in the activity for which you seek financial aid will enhance your Band and educational experience at HPHS (*if more than one student is submitting this application, please have additional students answer this question on a separate piece of paper*):

THANK YOU. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION TO THE BAND DIRECTOR.

To be completed only upon approval of financial aid request:

FINANCIAL AID AGREEMENT:

Total cost of tour or trip: \$ _____

Amount to be **paid** by student(s) and family: \$ _____

Amount to be **raised** by student(s) and family: \$ _____

Amount of **financial aid** granted by Bandstand: \$ _____

Does the student(s) agree to participate in upcoming fundraising activities during the current school year? YES NO

Do the parent(s)/guardian(s) agree to participate in upcoming fundraising activities during the current school year? YES NO

Approval by HPHS Band Director: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Approval by HPHS Bandstand
Financial Aid Committee: _____ Date: ____/____/____

I/we accept terms of this financial aid agreement with HPHS Bandstand:

Student #1: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Student #2: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Student #3: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Student #4: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: ____/____/____